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BOOKS ABOUT STARTING SCHOOL

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E AMA

Amado, Elis

What are you doing? (2011)

Before he heads out for his first day of school, Chepito encounters a variety of people in his neighborhood, each of whom is reading something, from a newspaper to a comic book to a car mechanic's manual.

E ANH

Anholt, Laurence

Billy and the big new school (1997)

Billy is nervous about starting school, but as he cares for a sparrow that eventually learns to fly on its own,he realizes that he too can look after himself.

E BLA

Blabey, Aaron

Sunday Chutney (2009)

Sunday Chutney's family moves often to different countries, so she has found imaginative ways to cope with being the new girl at school.

E BLO

Bloch, Serge

Butterflies in my stomach and other school hazards (2008)

On the first day of school, a student is confused by many of the phrases that are used, such as when the librarian says not to open a can of worms, or when the teacher says he expects the class to be busy bees doing their homework.

E BAL

Blake, Stephanie

I don't want to go to school (2009)

Simon the rabbit does not want to go to his first day of school, but by the time his mother comes to take him home, he is having such a good time that he does not want to leave.

E BER

Berenstain, Stan & Jan

The Berenstain Bears go back to school (2005)

On the first day of the new school year, the Berenstain cubs are reminded that "though school is a challenge, it can also be fun."

E BOR

Borden, louise

Off to first grade (2008)

Each member of a first grade class, as well as their teacher, principal, and a bus driver, expresses excitement, worry, or hope as the first day of school begins.

E BUZ

Buzzeo, Toni

Adventure Annie goes to kindergarten (2010)

Even though there are rules to follow, a little girl who loves adventure has an exciting first day of kindergarten.

E CAR

Carlson, Nancy

First grade, here I come! (2006)

Henry tells his mother that he did not like his first day of first grade, but as he describes what he did and learned, he begins to realize that he might enjoy it after all.

E CAR

Carlstrom, Nancy White

It's your first day of school, Annie Claire (2009)

Annie Claire, excited but nervous about her first day of school, is reassured by her mother, whose love always goes with her.

E CHI

Child, Lauren

I am too absolutely small for school (2004)

When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie reassures her.

E COC

Cocca-Leffler, Maryann

Jack's talent (2007)

On the first day of school, as the children in Miss Lucinda's class introduce themselves and name their special talent, Jack wonders if he is good at anything.

ER COL

Collicott, Sharleen

Mildred and Sam and their babies (2005)

Mildred and Sam's eight baby mice prepare for their first day of school.

E DAN

Danneberg, Julie

First day jitters (2000)

Sarah is afraid to start at a new school, but both she and the reader are in for a surprise when she gets to her class.

E DAV

Davis, Katie

Kindergarten rocks! (2005)

Dexter knows everything there is to know about kindergarten and is not at all scared about his first day there, but his stuffed dog, Rufus is very nervous.

E DEG

De Groat, Diane

Brand-new pencils, brand-new books (2005)

Gilbert's excitement over starting first grade turns to worry that the teacher will be mean, the work too hard, and his classmates too unfriendly, but throughout the day there are pleasant surprises.

E DEP

DePaola, Tomie

Meet the Barkers: Morgan and Moffat go to school (2001)

Bossy Moffie and her quiet twin brother Morgie both enjoy starting school, especially getting gold stars and making new friends.

E EDW

Edwards, Becky

My first day at nursery school (2002)

On the first day of preschool, a little girl misses her mother, but on the second day she is excited to go back.

E EDW

Edwards, Julie Andrews

Dumpy at school (2000)

Charlie, who is nervous about his first day of school, and Dumpy the Dumptruck, who is nervous about his first construction job, gradually adjust to their new settings after making new friends.

E EDW

Edwards, Pamela Duncan

Dinosaur starts school (2009)

Dinosaur worries about the first day of school, but with the help of a a reassuring classmate he finds that school can be fun.

E FLO

Flood, Bo

I'll go to school if--- (1997)

Afraid of the first day of school, a boy says that he will attend only if he can go on a rocket or a lion, but his imaginative suggestions are balanced by Mom's practicality.

E FOR

Forward, Toby

What did you do today? :the first day of school (2004)

A child describes the events of the first day of school, from making sandwiches for lunch to holding a parent's hand on the walk home.

E GAN

Gantos, Jack

Back to school for Rotten Ralph (1998)

Afraid of being left alone, Rotten Ralph, the nasty red cat, follows Sarah to school and tries to prevent her from making new friends.

E GOO

Goodman, Joan Elizabeth

Bernard goes to school (2001)

Until he makes a new friend, Bernard the elephant doesn't want to stay on his first day of preschool, but his parents and grandmother don't want to leave when they discover how much fun school can be.

E GOR

Gorbachev, Valeri

Chicken chickens go to school (2003)

Two little chickens are worried about their first day of school and hope they will make new friends.

E GRI

Grindley, Sally

It's my school (2006)

Tom is not happy that his younger sister, Alice, is starting kindergarten at his school.

E GRO

Grogan, John

Marley goes to school (2009)

Marley the rambunctious dog sniffs his way to Cassie's school and spreads chaos as he searches for her.

E HAL

Hale, Nathan

Yellowbelly and Plum go to school (2007)

On his first day of school, Yellowbelly brings along his best friend Plum, a stuffed bear, but when Plum goes missing, Yellowbelly discovers that they both have made a lot of new friends.

E HAR

Harper, Jamie

Miss Mingo and the first day of school (2006)

Miss Mingo helps all of the animal students in her class overcome their shyness on the first day of school by encouraging them to share something special about themselves.

E HAR

Harris, Robie H.

I am not going to school today (2003)

A little boy decides to skip his very first day of school, because on the first day one doesn't know anything, but on the second, one knows everything.

E HEN

Henkes, Kevin

Wemberly worried (2000)

A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.

E HAY

Hays, Anna Jane

Kindergarten countdown (2007)

Rhyming text follows an excited little girl as she counts down the days before the start of kindergarten.

E HEN

Hennessy, B.G.

Mr. Ouchy's first day (2006)

Mr. Ouchy, a new teacher, is nervous about his first day of school, but when he teaches the class about time and counting, they all enjoy the experience.

E HEN

Henkes, Kevin

Owen (1993)

Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their effort fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.

E HES

Hest, Amy

Off to school, Baby Duck (1999)

Baby Duck experiences the fear of the first day of school, but with a little help from Grampa, everything turns out okay in the end.

E HUS

Husband, Amy

Dear teacher (2010)

A young student comes up with more and more elaborate excuses for missing his first (and subsequent) days of school.

ER JIN

Jinkins, Jim

Back to school is cool! (2005)

When her little brother Tyler is nervous about his first day of school, Pinky Dinky Doo tells him a story about the time she and her friends had really bad hair days when school pictures were scheduled.

E JOH

Johnston, Tony

Off to kindergarten (2007)

A young boy lists all the things he will have to take with him on his first day in kindergarten.

E KAU

Kaufmann, Nancy

Bye, bye! (2003)

On the first day of school, Piggy has a difficult time letting his father go, but after he does, Piggy is in for a pleasant surprise.

E KIR

Kirk, David

Little Miss Spider at Sunny Patch school (2000)

On her first day at school, Little Miss Spider worries that she cannot do what the others can, but she learns that she has a special quality all her own.

E KLE

Kleven, Elisa

The apple doll (2007)

Lizzy is scared to start school, so she makes a doll out of an apple from her favorite tree to take with her on the first day and keep her company.

E KLI

Klise, Kate

Imagine Harry (2007)

After Little Rabbit starts school, he sees less and less of his invisible friend, Harry, and finally tells his mother that Harry moved away.

E LAB

Labaronne, Charlotte

Best friends (2003)

On Louise the lion's first day of school, Alexander the alligator wants to make friends, but he does not know how to talk to her.

E LOR

Lorenz, Albert

The exceptionally, extraordinarily ordinary first day of school (2010)

On his first day at a new school, John concocts a wild story about his old school where he attended class in a castle and the lunch menu included worms and storybook characters come to life.

E MAC

Mackall, Dandi Daley

First day (2003)

The first day of school starts out filled with doubt, but after facing fear of the big kids, reciting the alphabet with ease, and learning about recess, a child can't help but look forward to day two.

E MCG

McGhee, Alison

Mrs. Watson wants your teeth (2004)

A first grader is frightened on her first day of school after hearing a rumor that her teacher is a 300-year-old alien with a purple tongue who steals baby teeth from her students.

E MCG

McGinty, Alice B.

Eliza's kindergarten surprise (2007)

On her first day of school, Eliza fills her pocket with buttons, a pebble, a napkin, and a piece of yarn that remind her of her mother, whom she misses very much.

E MCG

McGhee, Alison

Countdown to kindergarten (2002)

Ten days before the start of kindergarten, a pre-kindergartner cannot tie her shoes by herself and fears the worst.

E MCM

McNamara, Margaret

The first day of school (2004)

After a summer of playing with his puppy, Michael is sad to learn that she cannot stay with him on the first day of school.

E MIL

Milord, Susan

Happy school year! (2008)

Children gather for a first day of school celebration that calms their worries about the day. Includes note about the history of such celebrations, and a related website.

E MOR

Morrow, Tara Jaye

Panda goes to school (2007)

Panda is nervous about his first day of school, but his mother and new teacher help him to adjust and enjoy the experience.

E MUN

Munsch, Robert

We share everything! (2000)

On the first day of school, after their kindergarten teacher scolds them for not sharing, a boy and girl share their clothes and shoes.

E NEU

Neubecker, Robert

Wow! school! (2007)

Izzy finds many things to be excited about on the first day of school.

E NOR

Northway, Jennifer

See you later, Mom! (2006)

On his first day of preschool, William's mother stays with him.

E NOV

Novak, Matt

Jazzbo goes to school (1999)

Jazzbo does not want to go to school until he and his mother find just the right school for him.

E ORM

Ormerod, Jan

When an elephant comes to school (2004)

With the help of his classmates, an elephant has a good first day of school.

E PAK

Pak, Soyung

Sumi's first day of school ever (2003)

By the time Sumi finishes her first day of school, she decides that school is not as lonely, scary, or mean as she had thought.

E PAR

Parish, Herman

Amelia Bedelia's first day of school (2009)

A literal-minded first-grader's first day of school is filled with confusing adventures, much to her delight.

E PAR

Parr, Todd

Otto goes to school

After a breakfast of juice, cereal, and a banana split, Otto goes to school for the first time, where he makes new friends and learns how to wag his tail without knocking things over.

E PRE

Preller, James

A pirate's guide to first grade (2010)

The first day of first grade is fun for a boy accompanied by a band of pirates.

E POY

Poydar, Nancy

First day, hooray! (1999)

All over town, Ivy Green and her bus driver and her teacher and the other school employees get ready for the first day of school.

E QUA

Quackenbush, rOBERT

First grade jitters (2010, 1982)

A small boy wonders what first grade will be like, but is not sure that he wants to find out.

E RAN

Rankin, Joan

First day (2002)

Little Haybillybun is not the only one who is worried about the first day of preschool.

E REC

Recorvits, Helen

My name is Yoon (2003)

Disliking her name as written in English, Korean-born Yoon, or "shining wisdom," refers to herself as "cat," "bird," and "cupcake," as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and new country.

E REY

Reynolds, Adrian

Pete and Polo's big school adventure (2000)

Pete and his polar bear are both nervous on their first day of school, especially when Polo finds he is the only bear that's not brown.

E ROD

Rodman, Mary

First grade stinks! (2007)

First-grader Haley wishes she were back having fun in kindergarten with her old teacher, until she finds out that first-grade is special, too.

E ROS

Rosenberry, Vera

Vera's first day of school (1999)

Vera cannot wait for the day when she starts school, but the first day does not go exactly as she has anticipated.

E RUS

Rusackas, Francesca (2003)

I love you all day long

When a little pig worries about being apart from his mother when he goes off to school, she reassures him.

E SCH

Schaefer, Lola M.

Frankie Stein starts school (2010)

Frankie begins his first day at Miss Wart's Academy for Ghouls and Goblins, but when the other students tease him for being different, he shows what he knows about being scary.

ER SCH

Schlepp, Tammy J.

Going to school (2001)

thinking about his first day of school gives Alex butterflies, but his parents, teacher and friends all make it easier.

E SCO

Scotton, Rob

Splat the cat (2008)

It's Splat's first day of school, and he's worried. What if he doesn't make any new friends?

ER SIE

Sierra, Judy

We love our school! (2011)

Rhyming text with rebuses follows a group of animals through their first day of school.

ER SIL

Silverman, Erica

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa :school days (2007)

Cocoa the horse does not want Cowgirl Kate to go to school without him.

E SPE

Sperring, Mark

Wanda's first day

Wanda is a young witch who is off to her first day at school. But when she arrives, she notices that something isn't quite right.

E STA

Stampler, Ann Redisch

Go home, Mrs. Beekman! (2008)

Emily Beekman is so nervous about starting school that she makes her mother promise to stay with her forever, but after Emily makes friends and settles in, she and her teacher must convince Mrs. Beekman to break her promise and stay home.

E STR

Strete, Craig Kee

The Rattlesnake who went to school (2004)

On his first day of school, Crowboy pretends he is a rattlesnake, but then he meets a girl in his class who wants to be a rattlesnake too.

E STU

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie

Elizabeti's school (2002)

Although she enjoys her first day at school, Elizabeti misses her family and wonders if it wouldn't be better to stay home. Sequel to: Mama Elizabeti.

E TAU

Taulbert, Clifton L.

Little Cliff's first day of school (2001)

Little Cliff is terrified of starting school, but with Mama Pearl's encouragement, he is able to overcome his fears.

E THO

Thompson, Lauren

Mouse's first day of school (2003)

When he goes to school, Mouse finds a world of new objects and new friends.

E UEG

Uegaki, Chieri

Suki's kimono (2003)

E VAN

Van Leeuwen, Jean

Amanda Pig, first grader (2007)

Amanda is very excited about starting first grade, and although everything is not exactly as she expected, she soon begins learning to read and finding her way.

E WAD

Waddell, Martin

Little Dracula goes to school (1992)

Although he is apprehensive about starting school, Little Dracula finds that he loves it once he gets there.

EWAR

Ward, Nick

Don't eat the teacher! (2002)

Sammy the shark is so excited about the first day of school, he tries to eat everything in his path.

E WEL

Wells, Rosemary (2005, 2000)

Emily's first 100 days of school

Starting with number one for the first day of school, Emily learns the numbers to one hundred in many different ways.

E WHY

Whybrow, Ian

Harry and the dinosaurs go to school (2006)

On Harry's first day at his new school he is not sure whether or not to bring his bucket of dinosaurs, but in the end the dinosaurs help him make a friend.

E WIL

Wild, Margaret

Tom goes to kindergarten (2000)

When Tom, a young panda, goes to his very first day of kindergarten, his whole family stays and plays and wishes they could be in kindergarten too.

E WIL

Willis, Jeanne

Take turns, Penguin! (2000)

On Penguin's first day of play school, he won't share the slide with others until Crocodile teaches him a lesson.

E WIN

Wing, Natasha

The night before kindergarten (2001)

When a group of children prepares for and experiences the first day of kindergarten, the parents are the ones who have trouble adjusting.

E WIN

Winters, Kay

This school year will be the best! (2010)

When a teacher asks her students on the first day of school what they wish for in the coming year, the answers range from having a good school picture to receiving a perfect report card.

E WRI

Wright, Michael, 1954-

Jake starts school (2008)

A look at one family's first day of school dilemma on separation.

E ZAL

Zalben, Jane Breskin

Don't go! (2001)

On the first day of preschool, Daniel gradually overcomes his nervousness as he plays in the sandbox, collects leaves, and bakes cookies. Includes tips for parents on getting ready for preschool and a recipe for pumpkin cookies.

NON-FICTION, MEDIA AND SPANISH

ENF 371 BAR

Barber, Nicola

First day of school (2009)

ENF 371 GUI

Guillain, Charlotte

My first day at a new school (2011)

Learn about what happens at school.

ENF 371 JAC

Jackson, Ellen

It's back to school we go: first day stories from around the world (2003)

In easy-to-read text, describes what the first day of school might be like for a child in Kenya, Kazakhstan, Canada, Australia, Japan, China, Peru, Germany, India, Russia, and the United States.

ENF 371

Onyefulu, Ifeoma

Deron goes to nursery school (2010)

Deron enjoys his first day at nursery school in Ghana.

ENF 371 THO

Thomas, Pat

Do I have to go to school? a first look at starting school (2006)

E-CD ROS

Rosenberry, Vera

Vera's first day of school [sound recording](2006)

Vera cannot wait for the day when she starts school, but the first day does not go exactly as she has anticipated.

E-DVD SCH

School days collection [videorecording] [2006]

Contents Meet the Barkers: Morgan and Moffat go to school -- 100th day worries -- Trouble in the Barkers class -- Beverly Billingsly borrows a book.

E-DVD SES

Ready for school [videorecording] (2007)

Gabi and Miles are graduating from high school, and they share their favorite school memories with Elmo. Now Elmo is so excited that he cannot wait to start!

E-DVD SPA 372.21 VAM

Vamos a la escuela [videorecording] = Let's go to school (2010)

Children learn through play. Help them increase their English skills with this fun method to teach them a simple, basic knowledge for a good start at school. We will accompany them on this magical journey of learning. Through fun songs and characterizations, these children will be ready for their first day of school.

E-SPA DAN

Danneberg, Julie

First day jitters. Spanish

Qué nervios! : el primer día de escuela (2006)

Sarah is afraid to start at a new school, but both she and the reader are in for a surprise when she gets to her class.

E-SPA WEL

Wells, Rosemary

Emily's first 100 days of school. Spanish.

Los 100 primeros días de escuela de Emilia (2001)

Starting with number one for the first day of school, Emily learns the numbers to one hundred in many different ways.